

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the above-noted Office Action, and herein amends the present Application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Attached is an *Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form*. Applicant's attorney requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number to arrange a date and a time for an interview to discuss this application, after entry of this Amendment.

Applicant has amended pending Claims 1 and 13 to overcome the Examiners objections to these claims set forth in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendments made to the claims to overcome 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections and are not being made for reasons of distinguishing the respective claims over the prior art of record. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of the objection to Claims 1 and 13, and objection to Claims 2-11.

Applicant has Amended Independent Claims 1, 12, 14, 15 and 19 to set forth that the saddle disclosed in each of the independent claims has an end portion which is disposed adjacent a hand of a user. Two end portions 24 are shown in FIGS. 1-3, and described in the Specification of the Application on page 8, paragraph 13. Galbraith does not disclose an end portion disposed adjacent the hand of the user, against which an object in the hand of a user directly rests, in combination with respective ones the features set forth in various ones of Claims 1, 12, 14, 15 and 19, which include features of a saddle secured to the arm of a user and a belt pocket for receiving an end of a support tube pivotally connected to a saddle. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20 of the present application.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 1-7 and 11 as being anticipated by Galbraith. As noted above, Claims 1-7, and 11, as amended, include limitations directed toward a saddle which is secured to the arm of user, the saddle having an end portion which is disposed

adjacent the hand of the user. Applicant requests reconsideration of and allowance of Claims 1-7 and 11.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 8 and 14 based on Galbraith in combination with Vetter. Vetter does not show the particular combination of features set forth in Claims 8 and 14, of the metal retaining clip in combination with the features set forth in Claims 1 and 6 for Claim 8, and in combination with the combination of features set forth in the limitations of Claim 14. Additionally, Claims 8 and 14, as amended, include limitations directed toward a saddle which is secured to the arm of user, the saddle having an end portion which is disposed adjacent the hand of the user. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 8 and 14.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 19 and 20 as being unpatentable over Gailbraith. As noted above, Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 19 and 20, as amended, include limitations directed toward a saddle which is secured to the arm of user, the saddle having an end portion which is disposed adjacent the hand of the user. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 19 and 20.

Applicant respectfully traverses rejection of Claims 17 and 18 based on Galbraith in combination with Weiss or Phillips. Claims 17 and 18, as amended, include limitations directed toward a saddle which is secured to the arm of user, the saddle having an end portion which is disposed adjacent the hand of the user. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 17 and 18.

As noted above, Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner, and requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney listed below to arrange an appropriate time to discuss any substantive issued pending in the Application after entry and consideration of this Amendment.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the application in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended and that the Application proceed to issuance.

The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/CWMM-25,915US for the firm CHAUZA & HANDLEY, L.L.P.

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